

# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-CERTIFICATION UNIT

## BILINGUAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT K-12

*ENDORSEMENT IS REQUIRED OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A BILINGUAL CLASSROOM TEACHER, BILINGUAL RESOURCE TEACHER, BILINGUAL SPECIALIST OR OTHERWISE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING BILINGUAL INSTRUCTION. THE HOLDER OF THIS ENDORSEMENT IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO TEACH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE. CLASSROOM TEACHERS, SUPERVISORS, PRINCIPALS, AND SUPERINTENDENTS HOLDING A FULL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) ENDORSEMENT OR A FULL BILINGUAL ENDORSEMENT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE PROVISIONAL OR FULL STRUCTURED ENGLISH IMMERSION (SEI) ENDORSEMENT.*

➤ **All requirements for the Provisional Bilingual Education Endorsement must be met.** The provisional endorsement is valid for three years and is not renewable. **Fees are not refundable.**

1. A valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
2. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education or Career and Technical Education Certificate.
3. Verification of proficiency in a spoken language other than English or sign language, verified by the language department of an accredited institution except in the case of Spanish and American Indian languages. Spanish language proficiency shall be demonstrated by passing the Arizona Classroom Spanish Proficiency Examination approved by the Board. American Indian language proficiency shall be verified by an official designated by the appropriate tribe.

➤ **Requirements for the Full Bilingual Education Endorsement are:**

1. A valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
2. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education or Career and Technical Education Certificate.
3. Option A, B, or C:
  - A. Completion of a bilingual education program from an accredited institution.
  - B. The following courses:
    - 3 semester hours of foundations of instruction for non-English-language-background students
    - 3 semester hours of bilingual methods
    - 3 semester hours of English as a Second Language for bilingual settings
    - 3 semester hours of courses in bilingual materials and curriculum; assessment of limited-English-proficient students; teaching reading and writing in the native language, or English as a Second Language for bilingual settings
    - 3 semester hours of linguistics to include psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, first language acquisition, and second language acquisition for language minority students; or American Indian language linguistics
    - 3 semester hours of courses dealing with school, community, and family culture and parental involvement in programs of instruction for non-English-language-background students
    - 3 semester hours of courses in methods of teaching and evaluating handicapped children from non-English-language backgrounds. These hours are only required for bilingual endorsements on special education certificates.
  - C. A valid bilingual certificate or endorsement from another state.
4. Practicum in a bilingual program or **two years** of verified full-time bilingual teaching experience. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)
5. Verification of proficiency in a spoken language other than English or sign language, verified by the language department of an accredited institution except in the case of Spanish and American Indian languages. Spanish language proficiency shall be demonstrated by passing the Arizona Classroom Spanish Proficiency Examination approved by the Board. American Indian language proficiency shall be verified by an official designated by the appropriate tribe.

\*PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 15-534.03, EACH EDUCATOR MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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